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## IN THE SUN'S CHARIOT

Intimate Talks Between Publisher and Reader

One of our readers, who, by the way, is not one of those who has visited the business office with his cash for a subscription, told our Mr. Taylor last week that THE SUN of that week and the week before did not contain a sensational story; that sensation was what the people craved now-a-days, and the paper that dished up the choicest varieties of this kind of mental pabulum, with the most frequency, was the paper that succeeded best.

To this man we recommend a year's residence at Newport, among the New York Smart Set, a trip to Sioux Falls and daily attendance at the divorce courts that grind risque grits every day in the year, or the regular purchase of any of the specimens of lurid literature that sail under such names as Colonel Mann or Richard K. Fox.

We are not publishing The Chamber Maid's Own, with a thrill guaranteed in every line; nor are we getting out a modern Bocaccio, nor a chromatic journal of any kind.

We are trying to furnish to the people of Florida a sane, clean and interesting record of passing events, and a wholesome diet of mental food that will satisfy a normal and healthy appetite for useful information. In addition to this we desire by commenting on live

topics of discussion to direct the attention of our readers to the view that seems to us to be the right view.

We are not HUNTING FOR sensations.

It may be that we will run across sensations in our search after truth.

If we DO, we will not be frightened at the size of the sensation, nor the size of the people mixed up in them, but we will give them air of publication IF WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IT WILL BE GOOD FOR FLORIDA AND ITS PEOPLE TO PRINT THEM.

Even then we will not print sensations AS SENSATIONS, but as a means to the end of serving the public good; very much in the way of a doctor reporting a case of infection—not to stir up the neighbors, but TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING INFECTED.

As we have said once or twice before, we are glad to have our readers criticize us, for it sets us to thinking, and very time we think about ourselves we are sure to see some weak spot.

Seeing one's weak spots is about the most salutary seeing we know of.

The biggest fool we can think of, right at this moment, is the person who is afflicted with self-complacency.

We give thanks that we are not like THIS Pharasee.

## Some Thinks by the Brethren

A number of papers throughout the State have already taken up the matter of voting for candidates for the Legislature of 1907, and they urge the voters to make good selections and vote only for those who are in every way capable of creditably representing their respective counties. Of course such advice as this is never out of season, and one is led to believe that from the various articles that in some counties drilling along this line can't begin too early.

The question is, why should people need such advice regarding candidates for office, whether for the Legislature or for a constable? Every one should realize that not only this age, but every other age, requires the best men for any office. Personal feelings should not control votes when personal feelings lean toward the weaker candidate, yet strange to say in many cases personal feelings are the main issue.

In connection with the numerous arguments for strong-minded and honest representatives, we hear that such are especially desirable two years hence, for the reason that matters of great importance will come up for action. Do not matters of great importance come up for action at every session of the Legislature? If not, it would be better to call off sessions until important work is required. A good man receives no more pay from the State than an idiot would receive. An honest man receives no more pay from the State than a dishonest man would legitimately receive. Hence since there is no economy to be practiced is it not always better to vote for the ablest and the most honorable man in the race, if in reality there is such a candidate for official honors? His work will reflect greater credit upon the county he represents, his work will be of much greater advantage to those whom he serves, and in every way the tears of regret and the curses of censure will be reduced to a minimum.

We see no more occasion for urging voters to select good representatives in the Legislature than in any other office. Hence, we believe that while all this good advice is being cast out upon the "unappreciative" voters, it should not be confined to one office but should be sent broadcast down the line, showing partiality to none, neglecting none.—Quincy Times.

Governor Broward has appointed a railway mail clerk as Superintendent of

Public Instruction in Duval County, the gentleman having run in the primaries last year and been defeated. Well, it looks as if being left by the people is an indorsement for higher official honors.—Lake City Index.

Last week's Perry Citizen says the postoffice issued twenty money orders in one day. It is safe to say the express company delivered twenty packages within forty-eight hours afterward.—Lake City Index.

As shown by records kept in the buildings of the State Fair at Tampa not less than 5,000 homeseekers from other States, including the great Northwest, have attended the fair, and these are still in Florida looking for locations for permanent homes. A large portion of this number purchased one-way tickets, intending to locate in Florida without returning to their former homes.—Madison New Enterprise.

The Iowa woman who wants a divorce because her husband hasn't bathed for twenty-two years, is about twenty-one years and eleven months too slow with her action. Any woman is entitled to divorce whose husband shirks the bath tub for two weeks at a time.—East Coast Advocate.

Mr. George N. Hatch recently bought and shipped the orange crop from the Cox place. There were 309 boxes, not more than ten of which were other than fancy fruit. The rust mite, white fly and other enemies to orange culture have not yet infested this section, so the ever-present spraying machine so necessary to the production of yellow fruit in many parts of the State is conspicuous by its absence here. Mr. Hatch's own grove of twenty-five-year-old seedlings has also a crop of first-class fruit this season.—East Coast Advocate.

The Times-Union some time ago announced over the signature of its editor, that no advertisements of life insurance companies masquerading as telegrams, should ever appear in that paper again. They are there, however, every two or three days. Either the telegraph editor is badly fooled or the Times-Union has forgotten its promise.—Miami Record.



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